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MIAMI (UPI)--THIRTEEN DAYS BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION OF RESIDENT KENNEDY A MAN TOLD A POLICE INFORMANT IN MIAMI THE PRESIDENT WAS A "MARKED MAN" AND THAT ONE WAY TO KILL HIM WOULD BE "FROM AN OFFICE BUILDING WITH A HIGH-POWERED RIFLE."

THE UNIDENTIFIED MAN ALSO TOLD THE INFORMER IN THE CONVERSATION, WHICH POLICE SECRETLY RECORDED, THAT A PLOT AGAINST KENNEDY'S LIFE WAS "IN THE WORKS."

MIAMI POLICE PLAYED THE TAPED RECORDING OF THE CONVERSATION FOR NEWSMEN THURSDAY, BUT WITHOUT COMMENT ON IT OR ANY ATTEMPT TO EVALUATE IT. THEY SAID THE CONVERSATION WAS HELD IN AN APARTMENT HERE NOV. 9, 1963, AND THAT THE RECORDING WAS TURNED OVER TO THE U.S. SECRET SERVICE NOV. 15, THREE DAYS BEFORE THE PRESIDENT ADDRESSED THE INTER-AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION AT MIAMI BEACH.

ON NOV. 22, 1963, KENNEDY WAS SLAIN IN DALLAS, BUT THE RECORDING MAKES NO MENTION OF DALLAS OR OF LE HARVEY OSWALD, THE MAN WHO KILLED THE PRESIDENT WITH SHOTS FROM A HIGH-POWERED RIFLE FROM THE TEXAS CHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY. EITHER OF THE MEN INVOLVED IN THE CONVERSATION IS IDENTIFIED.

THE MAN DISCUSSING ASSASSINATING THE PRESIDENT WAS ASKED BY THE INFORMER-INTERROGATOR WHAT COULD BE "THE BEST WAY" TO KILL THE PRESIDENT. HE MAN ANSWERED: "FROM AN OFFICE BUILDING WITH A

HIGH-POWERED RIFLE.

"THE SECRET SERVICE NEVER COVERS ALL THE OFFICE BUILDINGS WHERE HE IS GOING," THE MAN SAID.

HE ALSO MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF USING A RIFLE TO KILL THE PRESIDENT WHEN HE CAME ONTO A WHITE HOUSE BALCONY. THE MAN SAID THAT ALTHOUGH NOVEMBER WAS THE WRONG TIME OF YEAR FOR THIS, "IF HE COMES OUT DURING PLEASANT WEATHER ON THE VERANDA YOU COULD PICK HIM OFF FROM A HOTEL ACROSS THE WAY."

HE ALSO SAID THAT AN ASSASSIN COULD "DISASSEMBLE THE GUN AND GET OUT OF THERE--DISASSEMBLE IT AND TAKE IT OUT IN PIECES."

THE CONVERSATION ABOUT METHODS OF KILLING THE PRESIDENT IS SKETCHY AND NOT SPECIFIC. THE REFERENCE TO THE EXISTENCE OF A PLAN TO ASSASSINATE KENNEDY FOLLOWS THE COMMENT OF THE MAN THAT KENNEDY "KNOWS HE IS A MARKED MAN--SURE HE DOES, SURE HE DOES." ASKED IF AN ASSASSINATION IS PLANNED, THE MAN ANSWERS, "OH YES, IT'S IN THE WORKS."

THE MAN REFERS IN THE RECORDING TO A "BROWN" WHO IS NOT THERWISE IDENTIFIED EXCEPT AS AN APPARENT ORGANIZER OF A "CONSTITUTIONAL PARTY." HE MAN CALLS "BROWN" A PERSON WHO "OPERATES STRONG," AND THEN REFERS TO THE STILL UNSOLVED BOMBING OF A NEGRO CHURCH IN BIRMINGHAM, LA., SEPT. 15, 1963, IN WHICH FOUR CHILDREN WERE KILLED AND 19 PEOPLE INJURED.

"FROM THE WAY HE TALKED TO ME THERE IS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT HE KNOCKED OFF THE CHILDREN IN BIRMINGHAM," THE MAN SAID OF "BROWN."

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